



# The Buzz

Week 4 - Friday 9 November 2018



## A Visit From Sannohe Middle School Japan

The first week back of Term 4 saw Tamworth High School welcome 10 students and 4 staff from Sannohe, Japan. This program with our sister city brings with it educational opportunities which develop intercultural friendships and fosters cultural exchanges. Our visitors were extremely excited to be here and were welcomed by their host families with open arms. As our guests were extremely tired upon arrival a quick barbecue was organised which saw everyone enjoy some Aussie cuisine and head home for a well-deserved sleep. Day two was jammed packed with everyone heading up to Oxley Lookout to admire our wonderful city. Thankfully the rain we had received the week before had made the town look green and lush. After a quick trip down Peel Street, the Tamworth Regional Gallery was next on the agenda where the students and staff were treated to a tour of the exhibition by talented artist Michelle Elliot. Our guests were extremely interested in her work in which she used human hair to embroider words onto pieces of material. Artists from around the

North West were also on display with the exhibition called "City of Light" being featured which highlighted Tamworth's 130th anniversary of being the first town in Australia to have municipal electric street lighting in 1888. The artists explored light and how it is used in art to create different effects. Our guests were very excited to actually see Japanese inspired art also being featured in this exhibition.

Tamworth Regional Council then greeted our wonderful visitors at the Marsupial Park for lunch and supplied a beautiful spread for everyone to enjoy. The students and staff were even lucky enough to pat a rescued two year old joey and watch the male emu sit on a nest of eggs that are due to hatch at any moment. The cockatoos and peacocks also put on a wonderful performance by saying hello multiple times or displaying their colourful plumes. From the Marsupial Park a quick trip was made around the corner to the Botanical Gardens where the amazing Len Walters gave a tour of the gardens and highlighted the Indigenous culture...cont P2

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that surrounds us daily. Our guests also enjoyed a walk around the Japanese garden section of the Botanical Gardens. Before we knew it, time had run out and it was time to head back to school and prepare for the buses home.

The evening saw us gathering at school for a barbecue which was cooked by the wonderful Uncle Neville Sampson and Ronnie Knight. Mr Knight also brought along his famous damper for everyone to enjoy with some golden syrup. This was a crowd pleaser with our Japanese visitors as was the Pavlova for dessert. A big thank you to Ronnie and Neville for all their assistance on the night.

Thursday morning saw a special assembly being held for Year 8. This assembly allowed for us to exchange some cultural specialities between us and our sister city. The Welcome to Country and Indigenous performers were second to none and did their culture, families and school proud. A big thank you to Kelli Allen and our performers for pulling off such a great performance. We were then treated to a presentation by the Sannohe students about their school and city. Year 8 were a little shocked to learn that students in Sannohe, changed clothes every day after lunch and cleaned the school! We then listened to a song performed by the students and then participated in an origami class in which Year 8 learned to make

origami cranes. After the assembly finished our guests were immersed into the school joining in on various classes until lunchtime. After lunch our visiting students and staff were treated to a tour of the AELEC and given plenty of photo and souvenir shopping opportunities at the Golden Guitar centre. The day ended with our guests going home to enjoy time with their hosts and begin packing for their trip back to Japan in the morning. Friday saw the Sannohe staff and students leave Tamworth very tired but satisfied with the whole experience. They are looking forward to visiting again next year with a new group of students.

A big thank you must go out to all the families who hosted the Sannohe students. Without families putting up their hands and welcoming these exchange students into their homes, great experiences like this would not be able to go ahead. A thank you also needs to go out to Kelly Jaffer and Ken Hall for their help in organising this great event and to all the staff and students of Tamworth High School who welcomed our visitors with open arms.

*Marnie Didlick*  
*HS&E Teacher*



# An Agricultural Update!

Students are all working hard in the THS Ag Farms get ready for summer harvest!

At the Tamworth Show Charmine and Natasha Grant prepared and groomed the Tamworth High Rhode Island Red chooks. The girls did excellent work and for their hard work received Champion and Reverse Champion in the Juniors and Reverse Champion Rhode Island in the open sector. Well done girls!

Tiffany Allomes has been flying the school flag and doing extremely well. Competing at Liverpool Plains Equestrian Interschools, she received:

- 6th in the Working Horse Section
- 1st in the Hack 13yrs
- 1st in the Rider 13yrs
- 1st in the Handler 13yrs
- 1st in the Pleasure Hack
- Sporting Champion Highest Point Score 14yrs
- Supreme Secondary School Sporting Champion

Tiffany finished 8th highest point score out of 180 riders!

Tiffany also finished 13th overall at the Interschool Horse Sport Extravaganza against some very hard competition held in Tamworth at the AELEC.



*Martin McCabe*



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# Principal's Medal 2018

The introduction of the Principal's Gold Medal to the Tamworth High School Merit System, by Mr Wilson in 2016, has witnessed the addition of a prestigious award which is open to all students. This award encourages those students who aspire to transverse the application process, by promoting their achievements and developing their interview techniques. Students may make application each year, during the course of their education at Tamworth High School, to be awarded the Principal's Gold Medal at our annual Presentation Night. The Principal's Gold Medal recognises the achievements of students across a broad range of school activities, including sporting, cultural and community participation. Regardless of academic stature or progress through the merit system, students are eligible to apply for The Principal's Gold Medal.

Students are required to apply in writing. Students may also need to attend an interview, if selected for the second phase of the process.

To receive this award, students will need to show:

- Involvement in a significant and positive manner across a broad range of school activities
- Commitment to their studies and achievement of best possible results
- Positive contribution to Tamworth High School.

Each application will also be evaluated in general areas including:

- School and class attendance
- Overall behaviour.

The Principal will present the Principal's Gold Medal to successful applicants at the students' Presentation Night.

Students are encouraged to speak with Mrs O'Connell or Ms Warden to obtain further information and direction about the application process.

Applications open Monday 5 November 2018 and forms can be picked up at the Front Office.

*Sue Warden*  
Student Support Officer



## Food Tech & Textiles Fun



**Year 10 Food Technology -** We are busy creating master pieces, students have experiments with techniques learned from YouTube - pastry four ways.



**Year 8 Textiles -** We are busy creating prayer flags/ bunting. Students are using fabric decoration techniques to make these items.

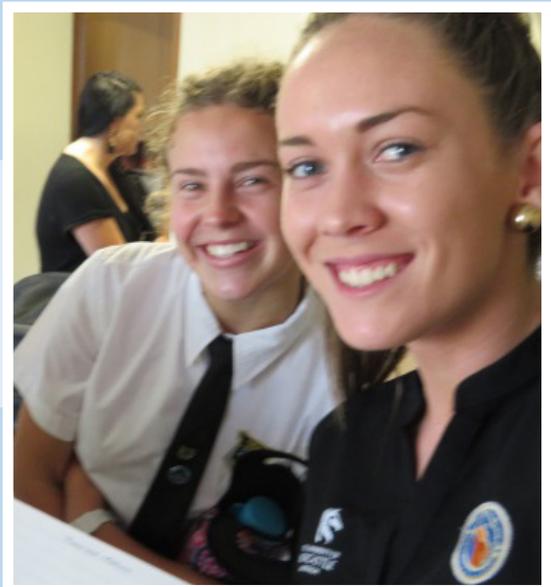
# Possum Skin Project Exhibition

An artistic group of students have recently been involved in the Possum Skin Project facilitated by the Gomeri Gaaynggal Centre in conjunction with the Tamworth Girls Academy. Selected students had the opportunity to design and create their skins, drawing inspiration from their life journey.

The skins designed by the Girls Academy and Tamworth High School girls are currently on exhibition alongside fellow Tamworth schools, elders and community members at the Gomeri Gaaynggal Centre. The exhibition was officially opened on Tuesday 16 October 2018 and will continue for the remainder of the year. We were lucky enough to have the support of Paris Knox (former Girls Academy and Tamworth High School student) along with all the staff of the Gomeri

Gaaynggal Centre. We would like to thank the Gomeri Gaaynggal Centre for their support in particular Jodie Herden for her artistic expertise. Our girls should be very proud and commended on their artistic talent and the dedication they have shown to this project, all creating amazing artworks!

*Leica Lebrog*  
Tamworth Girls Academy





# YEAR 7 2019 ORIENTATION DAY

Year 7 2019 Students and their  
Parents/Caregivers are invited to attend  
Orientation Day at Tamworth High School.

**Tuesday 4 December 2018**  
**9.30am - 12.00pm**  
**Tamworth High School Concert Hall**

Entry is via our main gates on Willis Street  
and doors open at 9.00am.

Registration is required via the  
Tamworth High School Website at  
[tamworth-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://tamworth-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)

If you need more information please contact  
Belinda Gleeson-Barker, Community Liaison  
Officer, [belinda.gleesonbarker@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:belinda.gleesonbarker@det.nsw.edu.au) or  
call on 02 6765 7888.

Please note: Orientation Day concludes at 12.00pm, students will be required to depart  
with or be collected by their parents/caregiver at this time.  
Students are not required to wear their school uniform.

# Calendar

## WEEK 5

**12 - 23 November 2018** - TAFE YES (Youth Engagement Strategy) Program, TAFE NE 9.15am to 3.20pm

**12 November 2018** - SLR Fitness Excursion (Year 11 SLR Students) Scully Pool 11.22am to 1.06pm

**13 November 2018** - Financial Literacy (Selected Year 10 Students) A5 9.00am to 3.20pm

**13 November 2018** - BEST Employment Interviews (Potential Year 10 School Leavers) THS Library 9.00am to 12.00pm

**14 - 15 November 2018** - Northern School's Steer Competition (Agriculture Students) Inverell Showgrounds All Day

**15 November 2018** - 2019 Prefect Investiture Ceremony (All School) THS Concert Hall 11.00am to 12.00pm

**15 November 2018** - Bro Speak (Support Students) 10.00am to 10.52am

**15 November 2018** - Bro Speak (Years 7 to 10) 11.22am to 1.06pm

**15 November 2018** - Youth Employment Mentoring Program (Year 10 Boys) Joblink Plus 11.22am to 12.14pm

**15 November 2018** - RAGE Program (Year 7 & 8 Boys) 11.22am to 1.06pm

**15 November 2018** - Year 12 Formal Set Up (Students & Staff Involved) Tangaratta Vineyard 1.36pm to 3.20pm

**16 November 2018** - Calrossy Interschool Horse Sports Day (THS Equestrian Team) Tamworth Pony Club All Day

**16 November 2018** - Year 12 2018 Formal (Year 12 Students) Tangaratta Vineyard 5.30pm to 11.00pm

**Breakfast Cafe** - Everyday 7.30am to 8.50am in HT1. 30c donation appreciated and all students welcome

**Homework Centre** - Every Wednesday 3.20pm in the

## WEEK 6

**12 - 23 November 2018** - TAFE YES (Youth Engagement Strategy) Program, TAFE NE 9.15am to 3.00pm

**20 - 25 November 2018** - School Spectacular Choir (Selected Choir Students) Qudos Arena Sydney All Day

**19 November 2018** - Ochre (TGA Students) TGA Room 1.36pm to 3.20pm

**19 November 2018** - Gomeroi Gaaynggal (Year 10 TGA Students) Gomeroi Gaaynggal Centre 1.36pm to 3.20pm

**19 November 2018** - Cyberbullying Workshop (Year 7 Students) THS Library 9.08am to 3.20pm

**20 November 2018** - THS P&C Association Meeting in the THS Cafeteria 6.30pm to 8.30pm All Welcome

**21 November 2018** - Gomeroi Gaaynggal (Year 8 TGA Students) Gomeroi Gaaynggal Centre 1.36pm to 3.20pm

**21 November 2018** - NRL Gala Day (Selected Year 7 & 8 Students) North Tamworth Rugby League Club 10.00am to 1.30pm

**22 November 2018** - Bro Speak (Support Students) 10.00am to 10.52am

**22 November 2018** - Bro Speak (Years 7 to 10) 11.22am to 1.06pm

**22 November 2018** - RAGE Program (Year 7 & 8 Boys) 11.22am to 1.06pm

**22 November 2018** - Youth Employment Mentoring Program (Year 10 Boys) Joblink Plus 11.22am to 12.14pm

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